

### REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-21, 23-33, 35-40, and 45-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 22, 34, and 41-44 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-20, 35-40, and 45 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant hereby affirms the election of Claims 21-34, 41-44, and 46 for examination on the merits.

Claims 21, 24, 25, and 31-33 have been amended and Claims 47-59 have been added. Applicant submits that support for the amendments and the new claims can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

A new title and Abstract have been presented. Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the objections thereto are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that Claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 31, and 33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 22, and new Claim 47 corresponds to Claim 23 rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 21 and 47, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the art of record.

Claims 32 and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot with respect to Claims 41-44 because those claims have been cancelled. Claim 32 has been amended and Applicant submits that the Examiner's objections have been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 21, 27, 30, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,790,165 (Kuboki et al.). Claims 24, 28, 29, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Kuboki et al. Since independent Claim 21 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of Claim 22, Applicant submits that Claim 21 and the claims depending therefrom are all allowable.

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Applicant submits that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest many features of the present invention recited in newly-presented Claims 56-59. For example, Applicants submits that Kuboki et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the features (i) that a specific image judgment function is provided in a printer driver downloaded through a network, as recited in Claims 56 and 58, and (ii) that a printer driver is included in an operating system, as recited in Claims 57 and 59. Accordingly, Applicant submits that those claims are also allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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